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Fwd: Proposed changes to the Sage Grouse management plans

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Subject: Proposed changes to the Sage Grouse management plans

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Sirs,

I am opposed to any proposed changes to the current management plans for the Great Basin Sage Grouse in Eastern California and Nevada. Land management agencies are basing their decisions on speculation rather than any scientific data.

There seems to be a behind the scenes effort to manage recreation, infrastructure growth, ranching, and mining out of the Great Basin Desert. The federal agencies are appearing to hide this activity behind the "protection" of a bird that is not endangered or even threatened. The National Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management have been corrupted by the heavy handed tactics that are wrought throughout our government agencies.

As I have said before the Sage Grouse is becoming the Spotted Owl of the desert. In the name of protecting the Spotted Owl bird land management agencies have across the west virtually eliminated the logging and recreation industries; I am afraid the same thing is going to happen in the name of the Sage Grouse.

At the same time we hear the rhetoric about preserving things for the future. I will ask you to recognize that in the efforts of protection we are in danger of driving future generations away from any knowledge of the beauty and inherent value in recreation that our great outdoors has to offer.

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